कार्य कर रहे हैं और 48 ट्रांसमीटर कार्यान्वयनाधीन हैं। इनके 8वीं योजना अवधि के दौरान पूरा हो जाने की संभावना है।

अलीगढ़ में आकाशवाणी केन्द्र स्थापित किया जाना

6537. **मौलाना ओबैदुल्ला खान आजमी:** क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या अलीगढ़, उत्तर प्रदेश में एक रेडियो स्टेशन स्थापित करने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो यह प्रस्ताव कब से लंबित है; और

(ग) इस संबंध में अब तक कितनी प्रगति हुई है और इस रेडियो स्टेशन द्वारा कब तक कार्य आरंभ किए जाने की संभावना है?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० पी० सिंह देव): (क) और (ख) जी, हां। आकाशवाणी की 7वीं पंचवर्षीय योजना में अलीगढ़ में एक रेडियो केन्द्र स्थापित करने की एक स्कीम शामिल थी।

(ग) स्थल प्राप्त करने के पश्चात् प्रारम्भिक कार्य पूरा कर लिया गया है। यह स्कीम जो अब एक रिले केन्द्र के रूप में परिकल्पित है इसको 1995-96 के दौरान तकनीकी रूप से पूरा किए जाने की संभावना है।

Militants' Attack on Electronic Equipments and Doordarshan Tower in Jammu

6538. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that militants operating in Jammu and Kashmir had set on fire electronic equipments and a Doordarshan tower in the Jammu region on the 3rd February, 1994;

(b) if so, the details of the damage as a result of this fire;

(c) the number of times when Doordarshan and other electronic equipments were subjected to such attacks during the last three years in the State;

(d) whether any steps are being contemplated to check such attacks and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the number of officers and employees killed or injured during attacks by the militants;

(f) the details of compensation paid to such victims; and

(g) the security measures provided to Doordarshan and All India Radio employees in Srinagar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) The militants set on fire electornic equipments and damaged VLPT located on Gandoh hill, Khiltran Tehsil, Distt. Doda on the night of 01.02.94.

(c) The Doordarshan Kendra, Srinagar has faced four attacks in which equipment was damaged in the last three years.*

(d) State police authorities have been requested to further strengthen the security deployment, including deployment of paramilitary force contingent, at all DDK/AIR installations located in J & K State.

(e) Two Officers were killed and one was injured in the attacks by the militants.

(f) Rs. 1.25 lakhs have been paid to the family of late Shri Lassa Kaul, Director, DDK, Srinagar, from Prime Minister's National Relief Fund, apart from Rs. 1,28,960/- under CGEGIS, a DDA flat on priority basis, an employment on compassionate grounds in All India Radio, to his daughter.

Rs. 6 lakhs have been paid to the family of late Shri S.P. Singh, Station Engineer, DDK, Srinagar.

(g) Some of the security measures

provided to AIR/DDK employees in Srinagar are (i) armed escorts for movements between installations, as well as between their accommodation in Radio Colony and TRC Guest House and the Kendras; (ii) making available to them secure accommodation at TRC Guest House.

Regular monitoring of the security arrangements is done at the Kendras, as also at the levels of the Government of J & K and Government of India.

Closure of Newspapers and Periodicals

6539. SHRI KRISHAN KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Press Council of India has set up a committee to study the phenomenon of closure of newspapers and periodicals during the last few years;

(b) the details of the newspapers and periodicals closed down during the last three years; and

(c) what are the factors responsible for their closure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per information available with Registrar of Newspapers for India, the details of the newspapers/periodicals closed during 1990, 1991 and 1992 are enclosed *(see* below).

(c) Press Council of India's Committee has in its preliminary meetings identified some basic factors *prima-facie* responsible for possible closure of newspapers and periodicals, which are annexed.

Statement

Number of Newspapers/Periodicals ceased (Periodkity-wise)

Year	Week-lies	Fort-nightlies	Month-lies	Quarter-lies	Total
1990	3	3	3	3	12
1991	2	3	7	1	13
1992	3		1	—	4

Part (c)

(a) Competition from well established papers/new entrants.

(b) Competition from electronic media leading to loss of advertisement revenue.

(c) Lack of advertisement support.

(d) Inadequate allocation of newsprint.

(e) Unfavourable government economic policies

(f) Intimidation by the police.

(g) Political interference affecting the freedom of the press.

(h) Labour problems accentuated by Trade Unions.

(i) Too many legal cases on the charges of defamation.

(j) Difficulty in getting competent journalists.

(k) Family disputes.

Rural Electrification in Darjeeling

6540. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of power be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have accorded great importance to rural electrification;

'(b) if so, how many Village/Bustis/ Talukas were brought under this scheme in Darjeeling during the last three years;

(c) what is the percentage of rural areas in Darjeeling Hill, still not brought under this scheme;

(d) what measures have been taken for